

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. What I
know about the
documentary (and I
use that term
loosely) "Stolen
Honor" is that it
purports to show how
Senator Kerry's 1971
testimony was a
"betrayal" to the
Vietnam war effort
and to the American
POW's. Just as
importantly,
however, the
producer's
affiliation with
Reverend Sun Myung
Moon's newspaper
"The Washington
Times" (famous for
its right-wing slant
and sensationalism)
calls its fairness
and accuracy into
question.
Sinclair's airing of
a one-sided
political program
just before an
election seems
patently unfair and
designed to serve
its corporate
interest, NOT the
public interest.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.